Kelley Defends Record Keeping

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FBI Director Clarence Kelley said Thursday files on private citizens kept by federal investigative agencies are no threat to personal rights unless the information is misused.

At a news conference before a speaking engagement, Kelley defended the FBI's data, which includes 2.5 million files.

"Record keeping is not in itself an ominous thing," Kelley said. "But it depends on the manner in which they are used. We have a tremendous array of information. The question is how it is used."

Kelley said recent allegations hurt the FBI's reputation but said he welcomed congressional inquiring as a way to restore the agency's image.